

Alaska Victimization Survey: Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence in Alaska – 2010 to 2015



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Alaska Victimization Survey



- Implemented as a surveillance system, modeled after CDC's National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS).
- Conducted statewide surveys in 2010 and 2015.
- Conducted regional surveys in 2011 to 2014 (Anchorage, Bristol Bay, Fairbanks, Juneau, Ketchikan, Kodiak, Matsu, Nome, Sitka, Yukon-Kuskokwim, North Slope, Aleutians).
- <http://justice.uaa.alaska.edu/avs>



Alaska Victimization Survey



- Survey provides lifetime and past-year estimates for the prevalence of:
 - Intimate Partner Violence:
 - Threats
 - Severe Physical Violence
 - Sexual Violence:
 - Alcohol- or Drug-Involved Sexual Assault
 - Forcible Sexual Assault
- Estimates measure the number of victims (not the number of victimizations).



Important Limitations



- Survey excluded non-English speaking women, women without phone access, and women not living in a residence (e.g., shelters, homeless camps, prisons).
- Survey did not measure all forms of violence. Estimates are therefore conservative.
- Estimates may also be conservative because of the continuing stigma of reporting intimate partner and sexual violence.



Past Year Estimates: 2010 to 2015



Past Year Estimates	2010	2015	% Diff.
Intimate Partner Violence	9.4%	6.4%	↓ 32%
A. Threats	5.8%	3.0%	↓ 48%
B. Physical Violence	8.6%	5.9%	↓ 31%
Sexual Violence	4.3%	2.9%	↓ 33%
A. Alcohol- or Drug-Involved	3.6%	2.0%	↓ 44%
B. Forcible	2.5%	1.6%	↓ 36%
Any Violence	11.8%	8.1%	↓ 31%



Past Year Estimates: 2010 to 2015



Past Year Estimates	2010 (out of 249,631)	2015 (out of 264,204)	Diff.
Intimate Partner Violence	23,465	16,909	↓ 6,556
A. Threats	14,479	7,926	↓ 6,553
B. Physical Violence	21,468	15,588	↓ 5,880
Sexual Violence	10,734	7,662	↓ 3,072
A. Alcohol- or Drug-Involved	8,987	5,284	↓ 3,703
B. Forcible	6,241	4,227	↓ 2,014
Any Violence	29,456	21,401	↓ 8,055

Population estimates from <http://labor.alaska.gov/research/pop/popest.htm>



Lifetime Estimates: 2010 to 2015



Lifetime Estimates	2010	2015	% Diff.
Intimate Partner Violence	47.6%	40.4%	↓ 15%
A. Threats	31.0%	25.6%	↓ 17%
B. Physical Violence	44.8%	39.6%	↓ 12%
Sexual Violence	37.1%	33.1%	↓ 11%
A. Alcohol- or Drug-Involved	26.8%	22.6%	↓ 16%
B. Forcible	25.6%	23.5%	↓ 8%
Any Violence	58.6%	50.3%	↓ 14%



Lifetime Estimates: 2010 to 2015



Lifetime Estimates	2010 (out of 249,631)	2015 (out of 264,204)	Diff.
Intimate Partner Violence	118,824	106,738	↓12,086
A. Threats	77,386	67,636	↓ 9,750
B. Physical Violence	111,835	104,625	↓ 7,210
Sexual Violence	92,613	87,452	↓ 5,161
A. Alcohol- or Drug-Involved	66,901	59,710	↓ 7,191
B. Forcible	63,906	62,088	↓ 1,818
Any Violence	146,284	132,895	↓13,389

Population estimates from <http://labor.alaska.gov/research/pop/popest.htm>

Trends from 2010 to 2015



Intimate Partner Violence:



- Annual prevalence decreased by 32%.
- 6,556 fewer victims in 2015 than in 2010.

Sexual Violence:

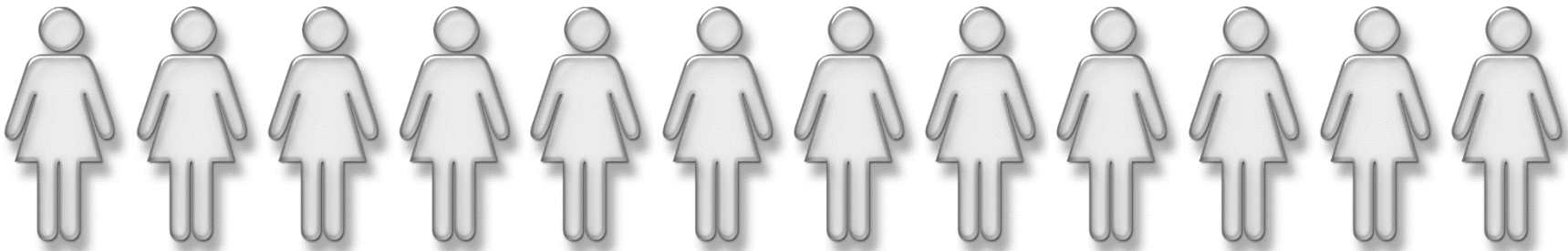


- Annual prevalence decreased by 33%.
- 3,072 fewer victims in 2015 than in 2010.

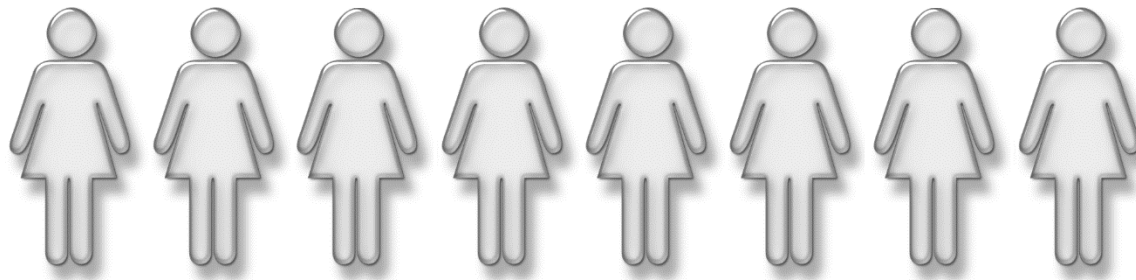
Past Year Estimates: 2010 to 2015



In 2010, 12 in 100 women had experienced intimate partner violence, sexual violence, or both in the past year:



By 2015, that number dropped to 8 in 100:





A Special Thank You!



**We sincerely thank the women who
invested time and effort to participate in
the Alaska Victimization Survey.**

**They re-lived horrendous experiences –
experiences no one should be subjected
to – to help the rest of us understand the
extent of intimate partner and sexual
violence in Alaska.**

Thank you!



Trends from 2010 to 2015



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- Prevalence of intimate partner violence and sexual violence is decreasing.
 - Our prevention and intervention efforts are working.
 - Unfortunately, the number of victims remains unacceptably high.
 - Trends are headed in the right direction, but we need to strengthen our efforts for all women to be safe in Alaska.



Number of Victims in Alaska: 2015



21,401 adult women in Alaska experienced intimate partner violence, sexual violence, or both in the past year:

- 16,909 experienced intimate partner violence.
- 7,662 experienced sexual violence.
- Some experienced both.
- Some experienced violence multiple times.
- Some experienced other forms of violence.

While the numbers are getting better, they remain unacceptably high.



Number of Victims in Alaska: 2015



Out of every 100 adult women who reside in the State of Alaska:

40 experienced intimate partner violence (IPV):



33 experienced sexual violence:



50 experienced intimate partner violence, sexual violence, or both:



**Half of adult women in Alaska (more than 130,000)
have experienced violence in their lifetime.**



Number of Victims in Fairbanks: 2011



Out of every 100 adult women who reside in the Fairbanks North Star Borough:

35 experienced intimate partner violence (IPV):



32 experienced sexual violence:



45 experienced intimate partner violence, sexual violence, or both:



**45% of adult women in the Fairbanks North Star Borough
(more than 15,000) have experienced violence in their lifetime.**



Number of Victims in Fairbanks: 2011



1,868 adult women in the Fairbanks North Star Borough experienced intimate partner violence, sexual violence, or both in the past year:

- 1,630 experienced intimate partner violence.
- 441 experienced sexual violence.
- Some experienced both.
- Some experienced violence multiple times.
- Some experienced other forms of violence.



Today to 2020 and beyond



For Alaska to be freed from domestic and sexual violence:

Must continue to provide safety for Alaskans victimized or impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault through a system of:



- Prevention services,
- Crisis intervention, and
- Perpetrator accountability.

**We can and we must continue to improve
the safety of women in Alaska.**



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